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PCT/JP 03/03803

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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1. claims: 1-7,15-23,27-29

The first invention is defined in the set of device claims 1 to 7 and 15 to 17 and the set of method claims 18 to 23 and 27 to 29. It concerns an active matrix display panel where the display element is driven by a current. The problem to be solved by this first invention is to minimize the crosstalk between pixels according to the current drawn by those pixels when displaying a picture, therefore means for determining the overall brightness level of the displayed picture and means for controlling the driving current through the pixels are implemented.

2. claims: 8,24

The second invention is defined in the device claim 8 and method claim 24. The second problem to be solved by this second invention is also to minimize the crosstalk between pixels according to the current drawn by those pixels when displaying a picture. However, the technical solution for controlling the driving current is a different technical solution as the one implemented in the first previous invention.

3. claims: 9-14,25,26

The third invention is defined in the set of device claims 9 to 14 and the set of method claims 25, 26. The third problem to be solved by this third invention is also to minimize the crosstalk between pixels according to the current drawn by those pixels when displaying a picture. However, the technical solution for controlling the driving current is a different technical solution as the one implemented in the two previous first and second inventions.

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